alongwith the quantity of each of such essential commodities; and

(b) what is the share of the rural and the urban areas in these commodities?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Seven essential commodities, namely, rice, wheat, levy sugar, imported edible oil, kerosene, soft coke and controlled cloth are being supplied through PDS outlets. PDS items are supplied to the States/U.Ts. as a whole. Internal distribution including the scales of issue to consumers is decided by the State Governments/UT Administrations concerned. *Inter-se* allocations as between urban/rural areas are also decided upon by State Governments/U.T. Administrations from time to time. Changes are made in the scale of issue of these items by the States/U.Ts. as and when found necessary depending upon the Central allocation and other relevant factors.

2177. [*Transferred to the 28th Marcch*, 1990].

**Allotment of out of turn accommodation on the basis of recommendation of M.Ps.**

2178. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications pending for allotment of accommodation as recommended by the Members of Parliament during the year 1990 till date;

(b) what action has been taken/proposed to be taken thereon; and

(c) by when Government propose to allot the accommodation to such employees?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) A large number of recommendations for allotment of accommodation are received every day from different quarters including Members of Parliament. Each recommendation is examined on its merits and disposed of. Consequently, it is difficult to prepare a list of all such large number of recommendations and indidate against each when the accommodation will be allotted or not.

**Directorate of Estates of other agencies autonomous bodies**

2179. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are some agencies/autonomous Bodies who have their own Directorate of Estates for allotment of quarters to their employees if so, what are their names and the dates of creation of each of those autonomous bodies and the reasons for creation of such separate pools;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Estates Officers of all the autonomous bodies are being governed by the same Rules and Regulations as has been laid down by the Directorate of Estates, Government of India; if so, whether out of turn allotment in such offices are made available to their employees; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the norms for retention of Government accommodation after retirement of the officials even for year together?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Completion of Chengannur Railway Station**

2180. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM): Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position in regard to the improvement of Chengannur Railways Station on Southern Railway;

(b) what is the amount which has been earmarked for the extension of Platform No. I;